

Regular Meeting

KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION Wednesday, September 11, 2019 7:00 pm.

Present: John Burns, Greg Biggs, Doug Farrow, Hoween Flexer, Lydia Rivera Abrams.
Student Board Members: Alexandra Purcell and Jordan Driebholz.
Absent with Notification: Jeff Buchbinder, Craig Hanford and Chris Viens.

Others

Present: Superintendent Steve Rioux, Assistant Superintendent, Paul Brenton
and Keely Doyle, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER- Mr. Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL-See above

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Board Vice Chairperson, Dr. Diane Summa recently moved out of Killingly and resigned from the Board. The Board thanked her for her many years of service on the Board.

Susan Oldroyd was recognized and congratulated by the Board as Killingly's Para-educator of the Year. Susan works at Killingly Intermediate School and has worked for Killingly for 20 years.

Killingly Teacher of the Year, Mr. Jeffrey Ethier was recognized and congratulated by the Board. Mr. Ethier is a music teacher at Killingly High School and has worked in Killingly for 9 years. He has elevated the music program and KHS Marching Band to a new level during his tenure with Killingly. It is through dedication, that the Big Red Marching Band maintains a strong connection to the Killingly community.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments

6. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL

7. REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Alexandra Purcell and Jordan Driebholz thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Board of Education student representatives. They shared the following information regarding events taking place in the schools.

KCS held Open Houses on Aug. 27 and Sept. 10. KMS had their Open House on Sept. 4. The KHS Freshman dinner took place on August 27 and the freshmen's first day of school went very well. Student members of the Link Crew were an important component in welcoming the freshmen.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Rioux shared information regarding convocation, administrative institute, new hires, impact of late resignations and current vacancies.

Mr. Rioux also communicated that he completes exit interviews and shared some reasons why teachers resign. New campus security positions are having a positive impact on less office referrals at KHS.

Mr. Rioux explained some causes impacting transportation during the first few days of school. Some students were "un-routed" due to PowerSchool and Versa Trans programs not synchronizing. Mr. Rioux thanked the bus drivers for the challenges they faced during the first week, while still getting students home safely. New busses have been delivered and it is anticipated that van drivers will be hired soon.

The District Equity Advancement Committee will have their first meeting on September 19. Minority Teacher Recruitment EASTCONN Consortium will be facilitating four meetings this year. Mr. Rioux is working in partnership with Windham and NAACP to learn strategies to be more successful in hiring minorities.

Mr. Rioux provided updates regarding many facility projects, occurring district-wide. Some of those projects are; ADA upgrades in multiple buildings, KMS windows, parking lots, solar projects, playground upgrades, KHS water pump control systems, HVAC upgrades, electrical upgrades, oil tank removals and replacements.

Ms. Rivera-Abrams mentioned and questioned the safety of the KMS elevator/lift. Mr. Rioux will look into this, but stated that it is safe and it was ADA compliant.

Mr. Brenton shared information regarding professional development that occurred during the summer. Over 100 teachers were involved in over 300 project days of teacher summer work. Areas of focus were mostly literacy and numeracy. Work included completion of proficiency standards proficiency indicators, rubric development and curriculum adjustments including science and social studies, based on 2018-19 performance data.

6. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Griffiths shared that Town Council members discussed revising procurements, bid associations, charter revisions, and trash pickup in Killingly.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON KPS SOLAR PROJECTS

Mr. Rioux shared that he received clarification from legal council regarding our RFP process. The solar project is in the best interest of the district.

MOTION: Mr. Biggs seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to authorize the Superintendent to sign each PPA Agreement for solar projects at GECC, KCS, KMS, KIS, KHS, and Central Office.
Yes- 5
Motion Passes

10. BOARD SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.A Community Engagement Sub-Committee –The sub-committee has not met since last report.

10.B Curriculum Sub-Committee: The next meeting will be on October 8 at 7:00 p.m. Some items that will be discussed are Social Studies and virtual curriculum.

10.C Facilities Sub-Committee- The sub-committee has not met since last report.

10.D Fiscal Sub-Mr. Burns shared that sub-committee members met yesterday and many fiscal reports were reviewed.

10.D.1 Transfer Request

MOTION: by Mr. Farrow, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve a budget transfer request of funds from the KIS budget to the KHS budget to support a KHS TSP new teacher position.
Yes-5, Unanimous
Motion Carries

10.D.2 End of FY 2018-19 Report

10.D.3 Start of 2019-20 FY Report

Ms. Christine Clark reviewed the End of the FY2018-19 Report and the Start of the FY2019-20 Report.

10.D.4 Discussion and Possible Action regarding Additional Paraprofessional Positions

MOTION: by Ms. Rivera -Abrams, seconded by Mr. Farrow to approve an additional 4 full-time, and 4 part-time paraprofessional positions to the district, (or six 1.0FTE equivalent positions).
Yes-5, Unanimous
Motion Carries

Mr. Rioux shared that Craig Hanford is willing to be a member of the Fiscal Sub-Committee. Ms. Flexer asked if the Fiscal sub-committee meetings could be held either on Mondays or non-Board meeting Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Burns shared that the Board will interview an applicant and vote to fill the vacant Board position at the 9-25-2019 Board meeting. Mr. Rioux will send Board members the applicant's resume on Friday.

10.E Personnel Committee- Mr. Burns shared that several KEA negotiations meetings are scheduled in September and October.

10.F Policy Sub Committee- Mr. Rioux shared that he is hoping to have a Policy sub-committee meeting on Sept. 25 at 6:00 p.m.

11. MUSIC DEPT BI-ANNUAL FIELD TRIP REQUEST TO ORLANDO FLORIDA

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Farrow, to approve the Music Dept. field trip request to Orlando, Florida.
Yes-5, Unanimous
Motion Passes

12. FFA ANNUAL CONVENTION FIELD TRIP REQUEST TO INDIANAPOLIS, IN

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to approve the FFA field trip request to Indianapolis, IN.
Yes-5, Unanimous
Motion Passes

13. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Rivera Abrams asked to take off consent item, 13.B June 26, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Farrow to approve consent items;
13.A June 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
13.C August 28, 2019 Special Meeting Board Minutes
13.D September 2019 Employee of the Month Nominee
13.E Beginning of the Year Student Enrollment
13.F PIXI Grant
Yes-5, Unanimous
Motion Passes

MOTION: Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Farrow to approve consent item 13.B., June 26, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
Yes- 4
Abstain -1 (Ms. Rivera-Abrams)
Motion Passes

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Farrow to adjourn.
Yes-5, Unanimous
Motion Passes

The Killingly Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Keely Doyle
Recording Secretary